The accounts for the year 1966-87 are under finalisation.

The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handling points of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weigh-bridges stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and constructions/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Entry of Scheduled Castes in Temples

♦175. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI;

Will tht Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)- whether Government are aware that in spite of a Constitutional Commitment, the entry of scheduled castes, is still banned in many temples of India including the famous and scared temple of 'Nathdwara' in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that at the initiative of Harijan Sevak Sangh some persons including an MP. tried to enter the 'Nathdwara' temple but were not allowed to do so by certain persons which led to a serious law and order problem;

(c) whether in view of these cir cumstances, Government propose to take any fresh initiative to ensure that such discrimination against the scheduled castes stops and they are permitted to enter and worship in every temple of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) No such instance has been brought to the notice of Government of India.

(b) According to the report received from the Government of Rajasthan, Shri Keyur Bhushan, M.P. and Shri Ganesh Lal Mali, Ex. M.P. and also Ex-Chairman of Nathdwara Municipality had darshan of Shree-nathji temple. However, after they had darshan in the temple, some anti-social elements tried to physically harm them outside the temple leading to a law and order problem which was soon controlled.

(c) and (d) the question does not arise.

Production of Aluminium

*176. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of aluminium has decreased since 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decrease in the production of primary aluminium from 276,492 tonnes an 1984-85 to 257,269 tonnes in 1986-87 on account of shortage in power supply affecting production of some of the aluminium producing units.

(b) In order to increase production of primary aluminium, it is necessary to ensure steady power supply. To achieve this objective, Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. is setting up a captive thermal power plant of 270 MW.. Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited is installing an additional generating power plaint of 270 MW. Hindustan city 2,18,000 tonnes of aluminium per annum is being added with the implementation of National Aluminium Company Limited (under con-struction) project with its own cap tive power plant of 600 MW. From